



Mountain Flyer

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CALENDAR

20-21 Jan Mountain Flying Clinic — Grant County Arpt
10-11 Feb Mountain Flying Clinic — Grant County Arpt
17 Feb WMIRS Training — Clarksburg HQ
2-4 Mar Cadet Leadership Training Course — Beckley
23-25 Mar MER Cadet Competition — Ft Pickett, Va.
31 Mar / April 1 Wing SAREX — Bluefield
13-15 Apr National Standards Check Pilot School — Clarksburg
21-22 Apr Wing SAREX — Ona
28-30 Apr Wing Curry Camp — TBA
12 May Wing O-Flight Day — TBD
18-21 May Graded SAREX — Clarksburg

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Wing recognizes veterans as part of Wreaths Across America celebration

By Major Jeffery Schrock
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Members of the Clarksburg and Morgantown Composite Squadrons of the West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol staged a wreath-laying ceremony to honor veterans during the holidays.

Civil Air Patrol and Worcester Wreath Company of Maine partnered together to lay wreaths at the 270 state or national cemeteries across the country.

Five wreaths representing the branches of the military — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard were presented, including a wreath representing those killed or missing in action. In attendance were several members of the Patriot Guard Riders who were on hand to hold flags and support the ceremony.

Members of VFW Post 3081 out of Grafton, W.Va. provided a 21-gun salute.

Closing out the ceremony was a flyby of a Cessna 182T aircraft flown by Capt Joe Martin, member of the Clarksburg Composite Squadron.

Each year, the folks at Worcester Wreath Company make, and decorate the wreaths that adorn the nearly 5,000 headstones at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. What started over 15 years ago with one man's dream has become an annual event cherished by many.

Worcester Wreath Company solicited Civil Air Patrol, and its members to expand the reaches of the project with Wreaths Across America.

West Virginia was very fortunate to have two national cemeteries.

Ceremonies began at noon on December 14 as everyone who was participating laid wreaths as part of a national effort to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



Cadets from Morgantown and Clarksburg Composite Squadrons pay respect to veterans during the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the West Virginia National Cemetery in Grafton, W.Va. Photo by John Carr — Clarksburg Composite Squadron

Cadet Moss awarded West Virginia Wing flight solo scholarship

**By Major Debbie Boggs
Director of Cadet Programs**

Each year the West Virginia Wing offers two flight solo scholarships to cadets who are at least 16 years of age, and have attained the rank of cadet technical sergeant in the cadet program.

The West Virginia Wing Flight Solo Scholarship was established to go beyond orientation flights, and assist deserving cadets in obtaining flight training

from a certified flight instructor. The scholarship provides for the completion of the cadet's first solo or 15 hours of flight training. The Wing is very proud to announce that C/2nd Lt Joseph Moss of the Morgantown Composite Squadron has been awarded a West Virginia Wing Flight Solo Scholarship.

Cadet Moss, a three-year member of the Civil Air Patrol, earned his Billy Mitchell

Award in June 2006. He has attended two summer encampments holding a leadership position in 2006. He also attended Middle East Region's Cadet Leadership School at Seymour Johnson AFB in Goldsboro, N.C.

Cadet Moss holds a general emergency services rating, is active with the Wing Cadet Advisory Council, and was recently installed as the new cadet commander for the squadron.

Mills named commander for Martinsburg Squadron

**By Lt Col Dennis Barron
Wing Chief of Staff**

Major Robert V. Mills has been appointed as the new commander of the Martins-

burg Composite Squadron. Major Mills replaces Major Bart Rogers who has been the Martinsburg Unit Commander for 15 years.

Mills has been a member of the squadron since 1994, and has been very active in the cadet program on both the unit and wing levels. He served as a senior escort for the International Air Cadet Exchange Program in 1988.

Mills has been active in the Emergency Services Program, and in Communications.

In his civilian career, he is employed by the Federal Government in the Dept of Homeland Security — U.S. Coast Guard.

"I look forward to my assignment as the commander of the Martinsburg Composite Squadron, working with the youth and community," said Mills.



Lt Col Dennis Barron, Wing Chief of Staff begins the ceremonial transfer of command by passing of the squadron's flag from the old to the new commander. Cadets Mark Guiney and Adam Goswick assisted as for the flag bearers for the ceremony. Photo by Lt Chuck Ashton — Martinsburg Composite Squadron

Clarksburg Composite Squadron wins Cadet Competition

The West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol safely held its annual cadet competition. The competition was held on November 11, 2006 at the West Virginia National Guard Armory in Gassaway, W.Va.

Teams competed from Charleston, Beckley, Clarksburg, Martinsburg, and Morgantown. "Everyone did an outstanding job this year, and our cadets made a favorable and lasting impression," said Major Debbie Boggs, wing cadet programs director. "West Virginia Wing is truly blessed with many very exceptional cadets."

The winning team was Clarksburg Composite Squadron. They will represent the Wing at the Middle East Region Cadet Competition in the Spring.

Other awards presented were: male fleet award — Colin Winkie, Clarksburg Composite Squadron; female fleet foot award — Lincoln Sklar, Clarksburg Composite Squadron; written exam high



score — J. Hoover, Charleston Cadet Squadron; 1st place panel quiz team — Morgantown Composite Squadron; Outstanding Cadet — Joshua Bosley, Clarksburg Composite Squadron.

Cadets also represented the colors for the state's farm bureau early that morning, and marched in the Veteran's Day Parade for the town of Gassaway.

Boggs said she would like to thank the many folks who assisted with the competition, without whom there would be no competition.

They are: Lt Col Dennis

Barron, judge; Col Bobby Anderson, judge; Lt Col Dale Olson, USAF Reservist and judge; (Ret.) Col Don Burke, state USAF liaison director.

In addition to the judges, also helping with the competition were Capt Vickie Bond, planning and logistics; 1Lt Amanda Bond, medical officer of the day; 1Lt Kathleen Dawson, registration; and senior cadets Roger Pettit, Charleston; Austin and Justin Ross, Parkersburg; Mark Guiney, Martinsburg; and Joseph Moss, Morgantown, and everyone who filled in where needed.

Search and Rescue Training held successfully in Beckley

**By Capt Thomas Hoffmann
Wing ES Director**

A very successful search and rescue exercise was hosted by the Beckley Composite Squadron.

Over 75 members participated. 18 air sorties were flown utilizing four Wing

aircraft. Ground team training included classroom and field work.

The number of tasks signed off, and specialties completed is still being tabulated, but the preliminary report is very impressive. "My thanks to all who par-

ticipated and a special thanks to the Beckley Squadron with assistance from Mercer and Greenbrier Squadrons for the planning and implementation." said Hoffmann.

Wing celebrates 65 years of service during conference and banquet



Wing Commander Col Rodney Moore presents Major Debbie Boggs, Charleston Cadet Squadron with the Wing Emergency Services Ground Support Award. Also joining them is Middle East Region Commander Col Kay Joslin Walling and Major Bill Reid, Clarksburg Composite Squadron.



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Wing Commander Col Rodney Moore presents Lt Eric Judy, Morgantown Composite Squadron with the Wing Aerospace Education of the Year Award.



Wing Commander Col Rodney Moore presents Kathleen Dawson, Clarksburg Composite Squadron with the Wing Personnel of the Year Award.



Wing Commander Col Rodney Moore presents Lt Donald Smith, Mid Valley Composite Squadron with the Wing Orientation Pilot of the Year Award.



Wing Commander Col Rodney Moore presents Lt Larry Argyle, Mid Valley Composite Squadron with the Wing Safety Officer of the Year Award.



Wing Commander Col Rodney Moore presents Lt Bill Minear, Mid Valley Composite Squadron with the Norm Edwards Counter Drug of the Year Award.



Wing Commander Col Rodney Moore presents Lt Col Kathy Slaughter, Wing HQ with a small token of appreciation in the planning of the Conference. Slaughter was also presented with Wing Administration of the Year Award.



Wing Commander Col Rodney Moore presents Lt Col Ron Harmon, Commander of the Parkersburg Composite Squadron with the Squadron of Merit Award.



Wing Commander Col Rodney Moore presents Cadet Andrew Gragan, Parkersburg Composite Squadron with the Cadet of the Year Award.



Wing Commander Col Rodney Moore presents Major Debbie Boggs, Charleston Cadet Squadron with the Senior Member of the Year Award.



Wing Commander Col Rodney Moore presents Capt Bill Motsinger, Mid Valley Composite Squadron with the Most Improved Squadron Award.

A Record of Outstanding Service; Poised for Even Greater Achievement

Squadrons perform service at local state forest park

By David Bond
Charleston Cadet Sqdn

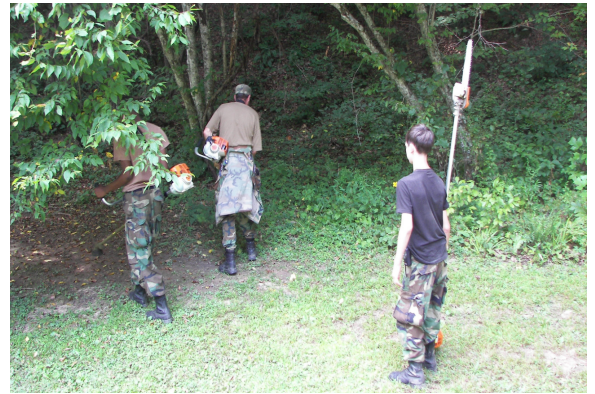
Beckley Composite Squadron and Charleston Cadet met at Camp Creek State Forest for a weekend of community service.

The evening on the first day was sitting around the campfire. We were lucky it wasn't raining. The next morning we had breakfast from Mom's Camp Kitchen (that is what we call Lt Plass's wife) we had

scrambled eggs, sausage and biscuits "oooh it was good."

Then we all gathered around the picnic table for a safety briefing, and to discuss what we were going to do and review the maps for the day.

Lt Plass gave each person a map so they could tell where they were and off we went. Lt Plass took one group, and Capt Bond from Charleston took another.



After a day of clearing and marking trails both groups met back at camp for another meal, relaxed, and cooled off at a nearby

waterfall. It was all hard work, meeting new people, and having a good time. I am looking forward to next year.

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Members and guests of the West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol enjoy a nice meal during the Wing's annual banquet.



The West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard hold a remembrance ceremony for CAP members who have passed away.

Martinsburg Squadron completes Adopt-A-Highway cleanup

By Lt Russell Voelker
Martinsburg Squadron PAO

The final litter pick up for 2006 was held. 14 members and one guest reported for the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup.

The Martinsburg Composite Squadron reached a milestone in this project. Since 1998, when the unit first adopted Paynes

Ford Road to keep clean, they have picked up a total of 800 bags of litter and trash, which equals to 28,000 pounds (14 tons) of litter!

During that time, 664.1 man hours were on this project. According to project officer, Lt Col Dennis Barron, the unit should be proud of its accomplishments on this project.



Wood County Students tour squadron and airport

By Lt Ellen Brown
Parkersburg Squadron PAO

Tours of the Mid Ohio Valley Airport were provided by the Parkersburg Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol for 227 students.

Areas of interest were visiting the tower, main terminal building, sitting in a chopper, seeing a video of Civil Air Patrol.

Students also toured the inside of a fire truck, snow plow, gas truck, National Guard Building, and sat in a Civil Air Patrol aircraft. Students ranged in age from pre-school to junior high. Feedback from the teachers was very positive. Each age range found their items of interest making the field trip very worthwhile. For some students, it was their first trip

to the Gill Robb Wilson Airport.

The Parkersburg Composite Squadron tour team consisted of Lt Larry Conaway, tour chairman; Lt Col Ron Harmon, squadron commander; Lt Col George Polen, Lt Selden Dotson, and Lt Larry Watkins. The West Virginia Air National Guard and staff from the main terminal also assisted.

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Awards/Milestones

Amelia Earhart Award

Mark Guiney — Martinsburg Composite Squadron; Jared Gragan — Parkersburg Composite Squadron

Wright Brother's Award

Bobby White — Boone Composite Squadron; Berkeley Byers — Martinsburg Composite Squadron